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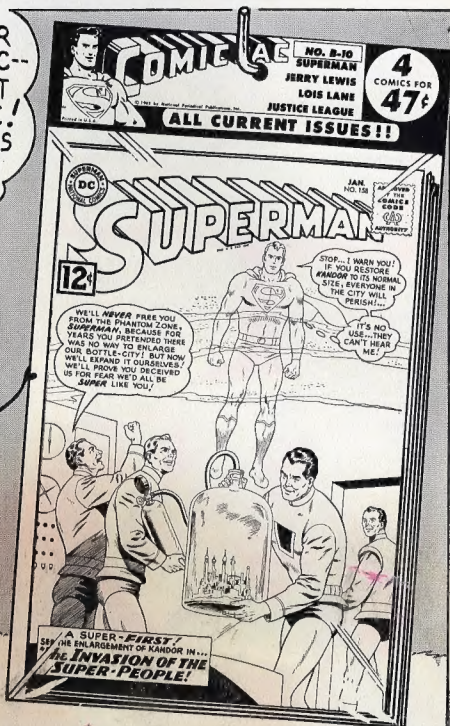
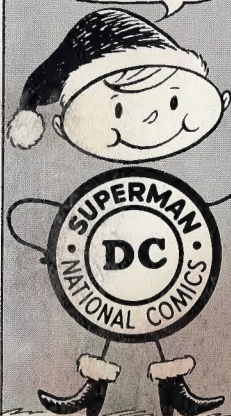
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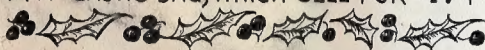
NOT A CHANCE, **SUPERMAN!**
I'M **NOT** YOUR FRIEND! THIS
IS A **SUPER-SCOOP**, AND
I'M GOING TO PRINT IT! BY
TOMORROW THE WORLD WILL
KNOW THAT **CLARK KENT**
IS **SUPERMAN!**



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EVERYONE KNOWS THAT PERRY WHITE IS THE TOUGHEST EDITOR IN THE NEWSPAPER GAME. INDEED, IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT PERRY WOULD SELL HIS SOUL FOR A BIG STORY! BUT HOW FAR WOULD HE **REALLY** GO TO GET A SCOOP...THE **BIGGEST** SCOOP OF ALL TIME? YOU'LL FIND THE SENSATIONAL ANSWER WHEN PERRY BECOMES--

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ACTOR



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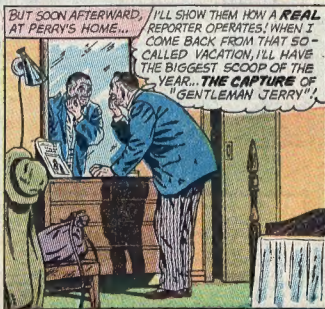
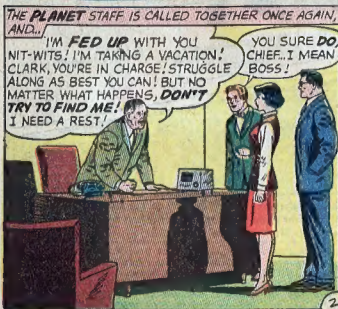
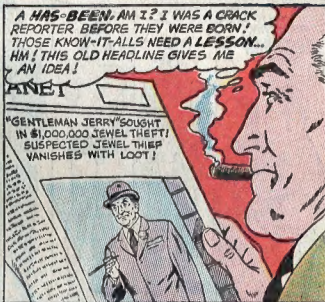
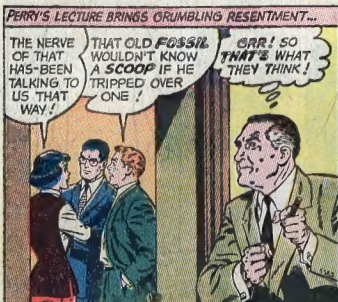
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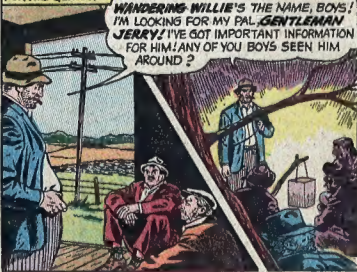


LATE THAT EVENING, AT THE RAILROAD YARDS...

GENTLEMAN JERRY WAS A **HOBBO** BEFORE HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A JEWEL THIEF! MY GUESS IS THAT HE'S HIDING IN SOME HOBO HANGOUT RIGHT NOW TO ESCAPE THE LAW! I'LL USE THIS **TRAMP** DISGUISE TO TRACK HIM DOWN!



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, PERRY SCOURS THE HOBO "JUNGLES" FOR HIS QUARRY...



WANDERING WILLIE'S THE NAME, BOYS! I'M LOOKING FOR MY PAL **GENTLEMAN JERRY**! I'VE GOT IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HIM! ANY OF YOU BOYS SEEN HIM AROUND?

THEN, ONE MORNING, IN A HOBO HIDEOUT...

SO YOU'RE HUNTING FOR **GENTLEMAN JERRY**, EH? WELL, YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIM RIGHT NOW! WHAT'S IT TO YOU?



ER... GLAD TO SEE YOU, FRIEND! I'VE GOT A BIG JEWEL JOB LINED UP! I'VE BEEN RIDING THE RAILS FOR WEEKS, LOOKING FOR YOU!

SNEAKING RIDES ON FREIGHT TRAINS, EH? THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THOSE **EXPENSIVE SHOES** YOU'RE WEARING? GRAB HIM, BOYS! HE'S A PHONEY!



YER RIGHT, JERRY! THESE SMOKE'S IN HIS POCKET ARE **DOLLAR CORONAS**! LET'S WASH THE DIRT OFF HIS FACE AND GET A LOOK AT HIM!

AS PERRY IS DOUSED WITH A BUCKET OF WATER...



HEY, I RECOGNIZE HIM! IT'S **PERRY WHITE**, EDITOR OF THE **DAILY PLANET**!

HE'S PROBABLY BEEN ON MY TRAIL EVER SINCE I MADE MY LAST HAUL! THESE NEWSPAPER SNOOPS ARE AS BAD AS COPS!

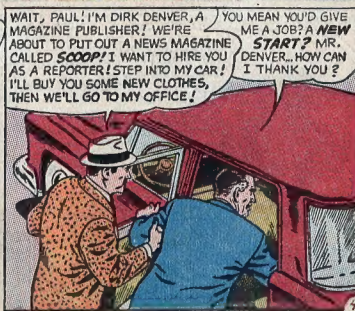
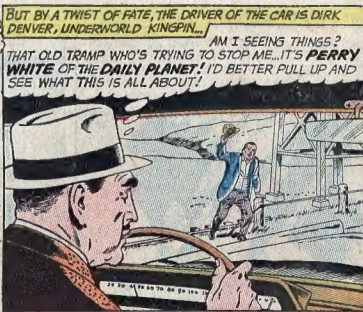
OH-OH! HE HURT HIS HEAD ON THAT STEEL SUPPORT! WE'D BETTER TAKE IT ON THE LAM!



YEAH! I MUSTN'T LET THE COPS FIND ME HERE... ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THIS LOOT I'VE GOT IN MY BUNDLE!



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PRESENTLY, IN DENVER'S OFFICE...

GOSH, MR. DENVER, WITH THESE FANCY CLOTHES AND A SHAVE, I FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN!

GREAT, PAUL! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF YOUR COMEBACK! NOW SIT DOWN AND WAIT WHILE I CONSULT MY COLLEAGUES!

BUT DENVER'S HENCHMEN HAVE BEEN OBSERVING PERRY THROUGH A SECRET "TWO-WAY" MIRROR, AND...

AMNESIA OR NO AMNESIA, YOU WERE CRAZY TO BRING PERRY WHITE HERE TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE C. B. I. ...*

YEAH! CRAZY LIKE A FOX!

***CRIMINAL BUREAU OF INFORMATION... WHERE THE TOP SECRET FILES AND RECORDS OF THE UNDERWORLD ARE KEPT! — Editor**

TAKE A LOOK AT THAT "CRIME SYNDICATE" POSTER! PERRY WHITE IS GOING TO HELP US GET THAT MILLION BUCKS!

BUT BOSS, THE SMARTEST CROOKS HAVE TRIED TO DISCOVER **SUPERMAN'S** IDENTITY AND FAILED, EVEN **LUTHOR!** HOW COULD PERRY WHITE SUCCEED?... ESPECIALLY WITH AMNESIA!

\$1,000,000 REWARD FOR THE SECRET IDENTITY OF SUPERMAN, ENEMY OF THE UNDERWORLD

AS DENVER CONSULTS A THICK VOLUME...

LOOK AT WHITE'S RECORD! HE WAS THE GREATEST NEWS-HOUND OF HIS DAY! HE BROKE THE **SMUGGLING SYNDICATE CLUB!** DESPITE HIS AMNESIA, HE STILL HAS THE INSTINCTS OF A CRACK REPORTER!

YOU'RE RIGHT! HE COULD BE JUST THE MAN WE'LL NEED TO UNCOVER **SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!**

LATER THAT DAY, "PAUL WEBSTER" BEGINS HIS NEW JOB...

PAUL, HERE'S THE COVER I'M PLANNING FOR OUR **FIRST ISSUE!** YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT WILL BE TO SOLVE THE GREATEST MYSTERY OF ALL TIME... **SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!**

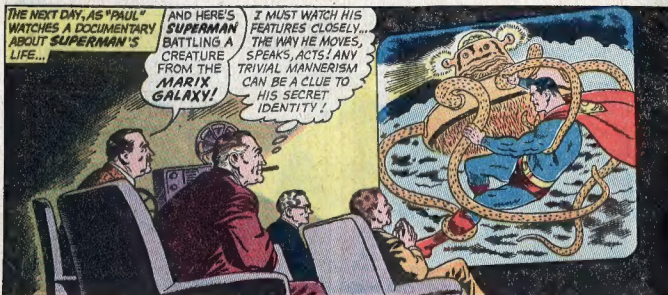
AND I'LL DO IT, MR. DENVER! I'LL SHOW 'EM PAUL WEBSTER IS NO HAS-BEEN! HE'S **STILL** THE BEST REPORTER IN THE BUSINESS! BUT I'LL NEED A LOT OF RESEARCH!

I WANT YOU TO BRING ME A COMPLETE RECORD OF **SUPERMAN'S** CAREER... NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS... BOOKS... ARTICLES... PHOTOGRAPHS! I ALSO WANT YOU TO GET ME NEWSREEL FILMS OF HIM IN ACTION... ALSO DOCUMENTARY FILMS ABOUT HIS LIFE!

I GET IT! YOU'LL STUDY ALL THE MATERIAL FOR CLUES! SMART THINKING, PAUL! I'LL HAVE MY STAFF DIG IT UP BY TOMORROW!



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AFTER HOURS OF WATCHING STARTLING SUPER-DEEDS, "PAUL" IS HUSTLED OUT OF THE PROJECTION ROOM...

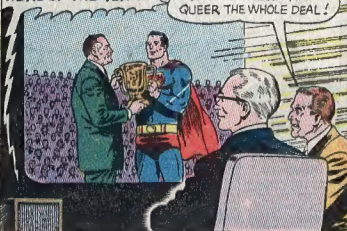
BUT MR. DENVER, THE NEXT REEL SHOWS SUPERMAN RECEIVING A HERO'S REWARD AT METROPOLIS STADIUM!

YOU'VE SEEN ENOUGH OF THAT DOCUMENTARY FOR THE TIME BEING, PAUL! HOW ABOUT LUNCH? WE'VE GOT A TRAY OF SANDWICHES AND COFFEE!



BUT AS "PAUL" LEAVES THE ROOM... DIRK GOT PERRY WHITE OUT OF HERE JUST IN TIME! IF HE EVER SAW HIMSELF ON THE SCREEN HE MIGHT SNAP RIGHT OUT OF HIS AMNESIA AND QUEER THE WHOLE DEAL!

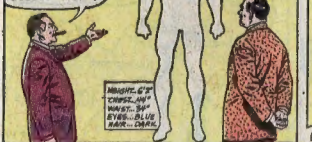
AND NOW PERRY WHITE WILL AWARD SUPERMAN THE GOLD CUP AS THE DAILY PLANET'S HERO OF THE YEAR...



A FEW DAYS LATER...

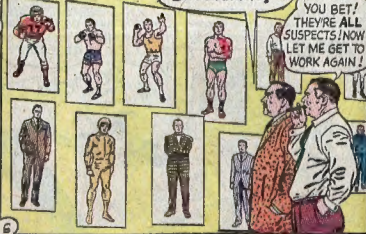
MR. DENVER, AFTER STUDYING ALL THOSE PICTURES OF SUPERMAN, I'VE DUG UP THESE VITAL STATISTICS ABOUT HIS PHYSIQUE. NOW HAVE YOUR STAFF BRING ME PHOTOS OF MEN IN METROPOLIS WHO FIT THE SAME DESCRIPTION!

A GREAT IDEA, PAUL! WE'LL WORK ON IT PRONTO!



AT THE END OF THE WEEK...

WELL, HERE THEY ARE, PAUL! THESE MEN ARE ATHLETES, STRONGMEN, ASTRONAUTS, ACTORS, WRITERS, REPORTERS, EVEN POLICEMEN! COULD ONE OF THEM BE SUPERMAN?

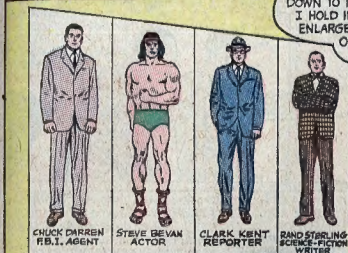




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A FEW DAYS LATER...



MR. DENVER, I FINALLY NARROWED IT DOWN TO THE FOUR MEN WHOSE PICTURES I HOLD IN MY HAND. I HAD THE PHOTOS ENLARGED AND YOU SEE THE RESULT ON THAT WALL. **SUPERMAN** MUST BE ONE OF THEM!



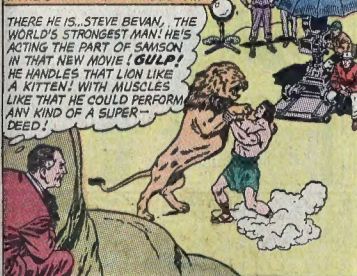
HEIGHT: 5' 11"
WEIGHT: 180 lbs.
HAIR: DARK
EYES: BLUE
BUILD: SLIM

WHAT DID I TELL YOU, GENTLEMEN? IF ANY-ONE CAN TRACK DOWN **SUPERMAN'S** IDENTITY, IT'S PAUL WEBSTER! GO TO IT, PAUL! WE'LL GO TO PRESS THE MINUTE YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY!



THE NEXT DAY FINDS "PAUL" TRAILING HIS FIRST SUSPECT TO A MOVIE LOCATION IN THE DESERT...

THERE HE IS... STEVE BEVAN, THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN! HE'S ACTING THE PART OF SAMSON IN THAT NEW MOVIE! **GULP!** HE HANDLES THAT LION LIKE A KITTEN! WITH MUSCLES LIKE THAT HE COULD PERFORM ANY KIND OF A SUPER-DEED!



BUT AS THE NEXT SCENE IS PHOTOGRAPHED...

OH-OH! DELILAH IS **CUTTING HIS HAIR!** THEN BEVAN **CAN'T BE SUPERMAN** BECAUSE HE'S **NOT INVULNERABLE!** THE STRONGEST SHEARS IN THE WORLD COULDN'T CUT **SUPERMAN'S** HAIR!



BUT THE NEXT MOMENT THE INTRUDER IS SEIZED...

GET THAT SNOOP AWAY FROM HERE! HE SAW ME TAKING OFF THIS WIG! I'LL BE RUINED IF MY FANS EVER FIND OUT THAT I'M **BALD!**

SO SHE ONLY CUT A WIG! BEVAN COULD STILL BE **SUPERMAN** WEARING A SKIN-TIGHT RUBBER CAP OVER HIS REAL HAIR TO APPEAR **BALD...** AS A DISGUISE! I WONDER...



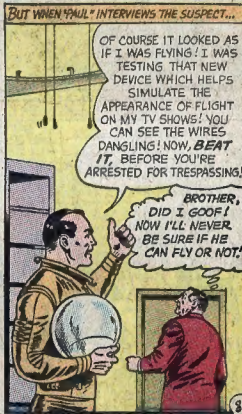
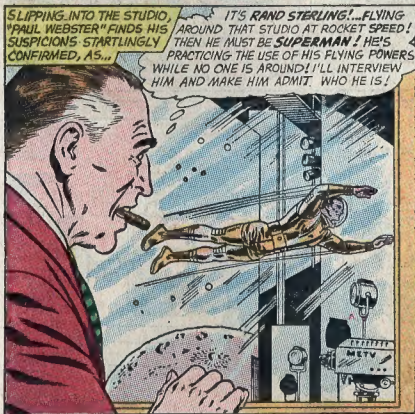
INVESTIGATING HIS NEXT SUSPECT, "PAUL WEBSTER" VISITS AN F.B.I. SHOOTING RANGE...

THAT'S HIM... CHUCK DARREN... CRACK AGENT FOR THE F.B.I.! HE'S ARRESTED MORE CRIMINALS THAN ANY OTHER DETECTIVE IN THE COUNTRY! HE COULD EASILY BE **SUPERMAN!** I'LL PRETEND TO INTERVIEW HIM AND KEEP MY EYES OPEN FOR A CLUE!





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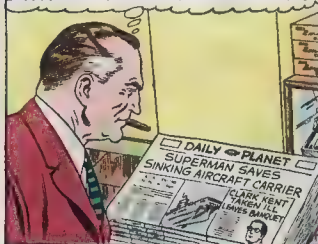




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CLARK KENT, THE REPORTER ON THE **DAILY PLANET**, IS MY **LAST SUSPECT!** HE STRONGLY RESEMBLES **SUPERMAN!** AND HE'S **NEVER** AROUND WHENEVER **SUPERMAN** IS IN ACTION! I'LL CHECK ON HIM NOW!



THOUGH HIS MEMORY IS FOGGED, PERRY'S NEWS-HOUND INGENUITY GETS HIM INTO CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT...

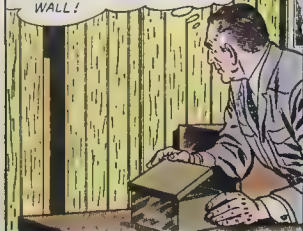
I'M THE PHONE REPAIRMAN! MR. KENT HAS TROUBLE WITH HIS LINE! HE ASKED US TO COME AND CHECK IT!

I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL RIGHT... IF YOU'RE FROM THE TELEPHONE COMPANY!



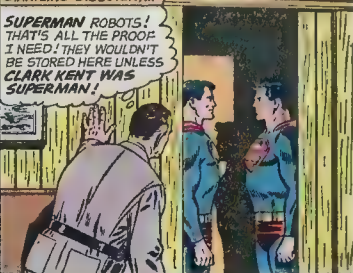
A HASTY SEARCH REVEALS NOTHING UNTIL...

THERE'S NO EVIDENCE ANYWHERE... HOLD IT! WHEN I OPENED THIS BOX, A HIDDEN DOOR SLID OPEN IN THAT WALL!



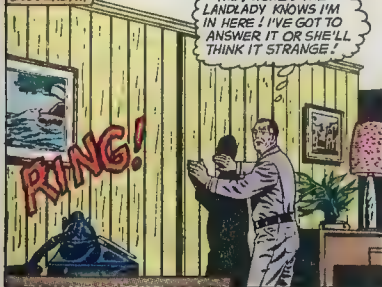
IN THE NEXT MOMENT, "PAUL WEBSTER" MAKES A STARTLING DISCOVERY...

SUPERMAN ROBOTS! THAT'S ALL THE PROOF I NEED! THEY WOULDN'T BE STORED HERE UNLESS **CLARK KENT WAS SUPERMAN!**



SUDDENLY...

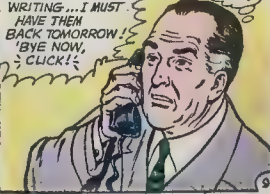
THE PHONE! THE LANDLADY KNOWS I'M IN HERE! I'VE GOT TO ANSWER IT OR SHE'LL THINK IT STRANGE!



MOMENTS LATER...

HELLO, CLARK? THIS IS **SUPERMAN!** ABOUT THOSE TWO ROBOTS I LOANED YOU FOR THAT ROBOT ARTICLE YOU'RE WRITING... I MUST HAVE THEM BACK TOMORROW! 'BYE NOW, CLICK!

ULP! THAT WAS **SUPERMAN** ON THE PHONE CALLING THIS IS **SUPERMAN!** **CLARK KENT!** THEN OBVIOUSLY KENT **CAN'T BE SUPERMAN** OR **CAN HE?**





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AS PERRY LEAVES, THE ROBOTS CONVERSE...

FORTUNATELY, THE INTRUDER NEVER NOTICED THE SECURITY DEVICE WHICH OUR MASTER INSTALLED ON THE DOOR OF OUR SECRET CLOSET!

AS SOON AS AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON OPENS THE DOOR, THAT DEVICE CAUSES A **FAKE CALL** TO COME THROUGH ON THE PHONE WITH A **DECOY MESSAGE** RECORDED BY **SUPERMAN!**

1 SECRET-SIGNALLING DEVICE, WHEN INTRUDER OPENS DOOR OF CLOSET

2 SIGNAL CAUSES CLARK KENT'S TELEPHONE TO RING

3 SIGNAL ACTIVATES RECORD-PLAYER CAUSING PREVIOUSLY RECORDED MESSAGE BY **SUPERMAN** TO PLAY.

HELLO, CLARK? THIS IS **SUPERMAN**...

RING!

BUT EVEN THOUGH HE SUFFERS FROM AMNESIA, PERRY'S INSTINCTS KEEP HIM PLUGGING AFTER THE STORY, AND...

THIS PLAN **HAS** TO WORK! I'LL WRITE IDENTICAL LETTERS TO EACH OF THE OTHER SUSPECTS...

Dear Mr. Bonan,
I have discovered final proof that your secret identity is Superman. I advise you to meet me tomorrow at 7:00 P.M. in front of the Superman Statue in the Metropolis "Hall of Fame".
Signed

NOW IF MY THEORY WORKS, THE MAN WHO IS SECRETLY **SUPERMAN** IS **SURE** TO SHOW UP AT THE HALL OF FAME IF ONLY TO KEEP ME FROM BETRAYING HIS **SECRET!**

AN INGENIOUS PLAN, BUT AS THE SUSPECTS RECEIVE THE NOTE...

ME **SUPERMAN**? BAH! HOW NUTTY CAN YOU GET?

IT'S THAT WHACKY CHARACTER WITH **SUPER-MAN** ON THE BRAIN! HE PROBABLY ESCAPED FROM A LOONY-FARM!

THAT OLD CRANK IS CRACKED ON THE SUBJECT OF **SUPERMAN!** BUT HE'S GIVING ME AN IDEA FOR MY NEXT PRODUCTION...A PLANET PEOPLED WITH **MAD-MEN!**



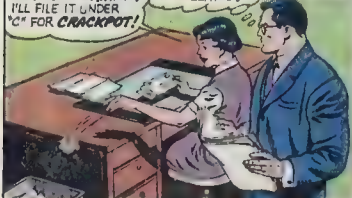
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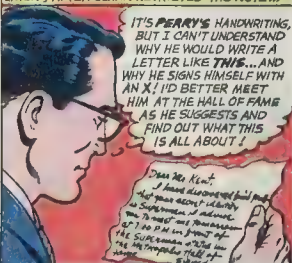
AS THE LETTER ARRIVES IN THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY PLANET, WHERE LOIS LANE IS ACTING AS CLARK'S SECRETARY...

IT'S FROM SOME WEIRD LUNATIC WHO THINKS YOU'RE **SUPERMAN**! I'LL FILE IT UNDER "C" FOR **CRACKPOT**!

THAT **HANDWRITING**! IT LOOKS FAMILIAR! I'LL CHECK ON IT AFTER LOIS LEAVES!



LATER, AFTER CLARK RETRIEVES THE NOTE...



IT'S **PERRY'S** HANDWRITING, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY HE WOULD WRITE A LETTER LIKE **THIS**... AND WHY HE SIGNS HIMSELF WITH AN **X**! I'D BETTER MEET HIM AT THE HALL OF FAME AS HE SUGGESTS AND FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

Dear Mr. Kent,
I have discovered that you are a Superman secret identity. The planet was threatened at 7:00 P.M. on front of the Superman statue in the Metropolis Hall of Fame.
Sincerely,
Perry

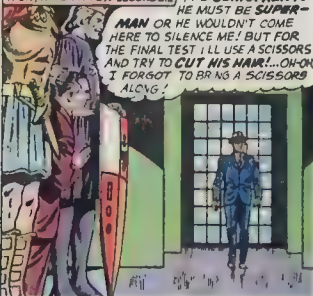
THE NEXT EVENING, AT THE **METROPOLIS** HALL OF FAME...

LADY, WE GOT TO MEET SOMEONE HERE **PRIVATELY**! SUPPOSE YOU TAKE THIS FIVE-DOLLAR BILL AND D'SAPPEAR FOR A WHILE!

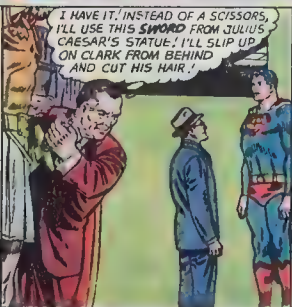
IT'S A DEAL, MISTER! I'LL BE BACK FOR MY MOP AND PAIL LATER!



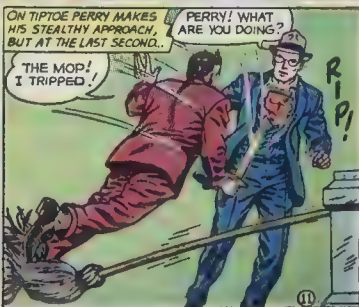
THEN, AFTER A FEW SECONDS...



IT'S **CLARK KENT**. HE MUST BE **SUPER-MAN** OR HE WOULDN'T COME HERE TO **SILENCE** ME! BUT FOR THE FINAL TEST I'LL USE A **SCISSORS** AND TRY TO **CUT HIS HAIR**!...OH-OH, I FORGOT TO BRING A **SCISSORS** ALONG!



I HAVE IT! INSTEAD OF A **SCISSORS**, I'LL USE THIS **SWORD** FROM JULIUS CAESAR'S STATUE! I'LL SLIP UP ON CLARK FROM BEHIND AND **CUT HIS HAIR**!



ON **TIPTOE** PERRY MAKES HIS **STEALTHY** APPROACH, BUT AT THE **LAST SECOND**...

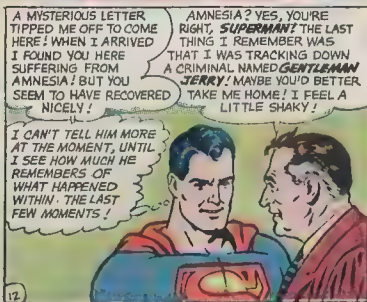
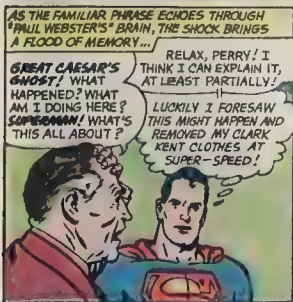
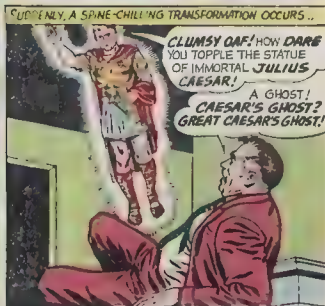
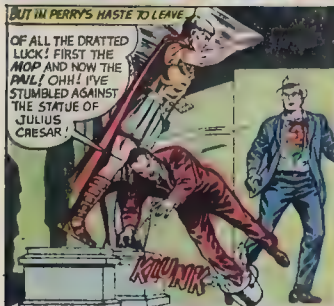
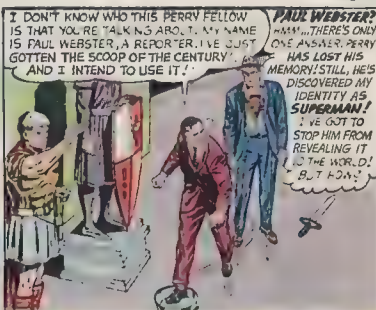
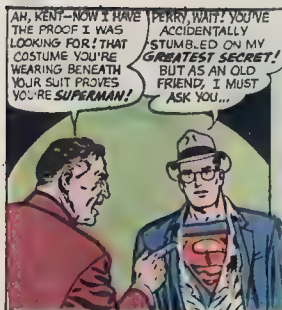
PERRY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THE **MOP**! I **TRIPPED**!

RIP!



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I WAS HOT ON THE TRAIL OF THE YEAR'S BIGGEST SCOOP WHEN **GENTLEMAN JERRY** SLUGGED ME AND GAVE ME AMNESIA!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, BOSS! THE POLICE CAUGHT HIM!



BUT I HAD AMNESIA FOR WEEKS! WHERE WAS I? WHAT WAS I DOING ALL THAT TIME?

HE DOESN'T REMEMBER A THING THAT HAPPENED WHILE HIS MEMORY WAS LOST! HE'S EVEN FORGOTTEN THAT HE DISCOVERED MY **SECRET IDENTITY!** WHEN! WHAT A RELIEF!



AND SOME KIND OF SHOCK MUST HAVE RESTORED MY MEMORY! I WONDER WHAT IT WAS?

IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN HOW THESE THINGS HAPPEN, PERRY!

IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN, I'D HAVE TO REVEAL THAT I'M REALLY **SUPERMAN!**



"IN ORDER TO SHOCK HIM FROM HIS AMNESIA, I USED MY SUPER-BREATH TO MAKE CAESAR'S STATUE FLOAT IN MID-AIR. THEN, WITH MY HEAT VISION, I IRRADIATED THE ATOMS ON THE STATUE'S OUTER METALLIC SURFACE TO MAKE THEM GLOW LUMINOUSLY..."



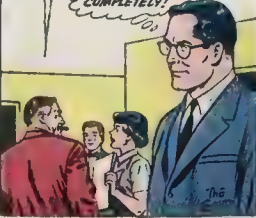
"I GAMBLERED THAT THE SIGHT OF A GHOSTLY CAESAR WOULD SNAP PERRY'S BRAIN BACK INTO NORMALCY, AND I WON!"

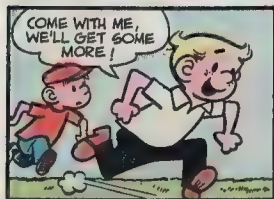
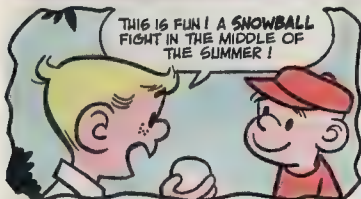
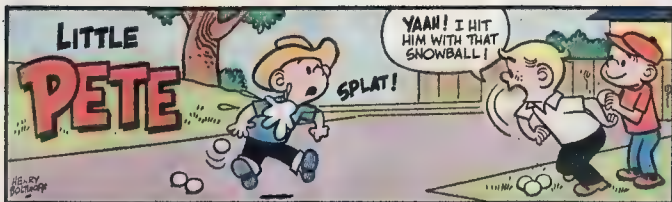
CLUMSY OAF! HOW DARE YOU TOPPLE THE STATUE OF IMMORTAL CAESAR!



WHIPPER-SNAPPERS! THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MY SCOOP IF I HADN'T GOTTEN AMNESIA!

POOR PERRY! LITTLE DOES HE REALIZE THAT HE HAD THE **GREATEST SCOOP OF ALL-TIME... THE SECRET OF SUPERMAN'S OTHER IDENTITY!** AND NOW HE'S FORGOTTEN IT COMPLETELY!





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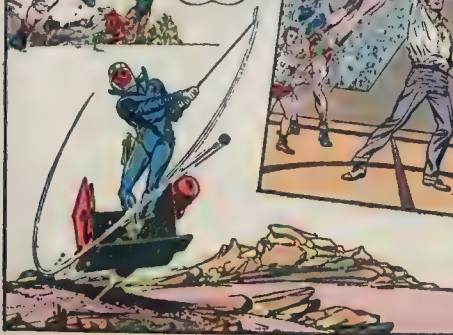
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Dear Editor: Love those serials you've been giving us in **ACTION COMICS**! As far as I know, yours is the only publication in the comics field to pioneer the **CONTINUED** story . . . which is really the best way to develop plots so that characterization, suspense and "depth" can be properly dramatized. Of course, the serial treatment you have innovated works best in a monthly magazine; to attempt serials in books which are issued eight times a year wouldn't be quite fair for impatient fans who keep biting their nails waiting to see what happens next.

Keith McRae, Scotch Plains, N. J.
(Although we first began to run serials in **ACTION** purely on an experimental basis, the results have been so successful, circulation-wise, that we will pursue this policy whenever we have a story idea which we think deserves serial treatment. Actually, most of our continued stories are not serials in the "cliffhanger" sense of the old movie serial technique, but are really a series of sequels. That is, each story is complete in itself, but warrants an immediate sequel because of new plot factors. Incidentally, many of our readers write us that they remove each part of one of these "serials" and bind them together when the entire story is concluded.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: This letter probably won't be printed, but in the recent story, "When Superman Defended His Arch-Enemy," you show an Autom saying: "Just look at this picture, members of the jury. The Autom that this alien (Luthor) destroyed was the latest model, especially designed for guardian duty! Yet the prisoner murdered him in cold blood!" Now, how did a robot from a robot world ever conceive the expression, "Murdered in cold blood"? Robots don't have blood.

Nancy Brown, Inglewood, Calif.
(Oops! We should have said "cold oil."—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I've been a collector and fan of **SUPERMAN** for over ten years (I'm now 19) and believe that I have one of the largest and most complete collections of the Superman family of comics assembled by a private collector. My collection includes, not counting duplicates, 560 different issues, none of them duplicates. I would appreciate it if you would print this letter with my address, in order to find out if there is anyone with a larger collection.

Ward Dean,
1129 McClellan Way, Stockton 7, Calif.
(How about it? Are there any of you collectors who can beat this figure?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I sent you a colored sketch recently, which contained my suggested idea for

a cover for **ACTION Comics**. You returned it to me with a very nice note, for which I am grateful, telling me that you had used the same idea on the cover of **SUPERMAN** No. 134, and that I should strive for more originality. Are there any other hints you can give us readers so that we can make the grade with one of our ideas? I sure would like to win one of those original art masterpieces you are giving out as prizes for the best ideas.

Gary Landis, Dallas, Tex.

(Avoid cover ideas which feature gruesome forms of death and horrible monsters, inasmuch as the Comics Code Authority would never approve of them. Also, the chances are very much against cover ideas based on Superman being betrayed by his friends or, subjected to some form of Kryptonite; these themes are too familiar, unless given some brand-new twist. Also, too many cover ideas which fail to ring the bell lose out because the scene is too static; that is, Superman is shown standing still . . . there is no dynamic action. Whenever a fan suggests an idea we like, we'll give him recognition in this department. Good luck to all of you!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I admire the ingenuity of your writers in giving us stories which feature clever, unexpected uses of the "LL" pattern you have developed over the years. By that, I mean stories in which Superman's fate is affected by someone or something with the initials "LL" . . . like Lols Lane, Lightning Lad, Lori Lemaris, Lady Luck and, in a recent issue of **SUPERMAN**, you had him rescued by a "Little Leaguer." But isn't it becoming increasingly difficult to think of new "LL's"?

Ardis Whiteman, Cornucopia, Utah.
(Yes, it is getting tougher to dream up new "LL's," but it's fun. We've got a great new "LL" slated for a future issue of **ACTION COMICS**, but we won't tell you in which issue it will appear, lest we spoil the surprise. And we defy you to guess the secret of "Legionnaire Lemon," in the February issue of **ADVENTURE COMICS**.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: What effect does Gold Kryptonite have on survivors of the planet Krypton?

Ian O'Donnell, Key City, Nevada.
(It removes their super-powers **PERMANENTLY**!—Ed.)

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SUPERGIRL

GASP! KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAVE
BROKEN OUT OF THE **PHANTOM
ZONE** AND ARE MENACING THE EARTH!
THEIR SUPER-WEAPONS ARE TOO
MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE ALONE!
I'VE GOT TO SPEED INTO THE FUTURE
TO WARN **SUPERMAN**; CHOKE! BUT I
CAN'T GET THROUGH! SOME POWERFUL
FORCE IS BLOCKING ME!

HA, HA! THE FORCE -
FIELD GENERATED BY MY
POWER BELT HAS SEALED
THE TIME-BARRIER!
NO ONE CAN ENTER OR
LEAVE THE PRESENT UNTIL
WE HAVE CONQUERED
THE EARTH!

TIME AND AGAIN **SUPERMAN** HAS RELIED ON **SUPER-
GIRL** TO HANDLE ALL EMERGENCIES WHILE HE IS ABSENT!
AND ON EACH OCCASION THE **GIRL OF STEEL** HAS BEEN
EQUAL TO THE TASK! BUT SUDDENLY CATASTROPHE
STRIKES, AS THE MOST CUNNING CRIMINALS OF ALL TIME
POOL THEIR MALEVOLENT GENIUS TO ENSLAVE THE WORLD!
IT'S A WAR TO THE FINISH... A LAST-DITCH BATTLE OF
SURVIVAL FOR **SUPERGIRL** WHEN SHE HAS TO FACE...

The FORBIDDEN WEAPONS of KRYPTON!

ONE DAY, AS **SUPERGIRL** VISITS THE HOME OF **LENA
THORUL** IN MIDVALE...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LENA! THESE
DIAMONDS ARE A BIRTHDAY
GIFT FOR YOU FROM AN UNKNOWN
FRIEND WHOSE NAME I CAN-
NOT REVEAL! THEY ARE
YOURS TO DO WITH AS YOU
PLEASE!

FROM AN
UNKNOWN
FRIEND?
THANKS,
SUPERGIRL!

HMM! I WONDER
WHO THAT FRIEND
CAN BE!

LATER, AS **SUPERGIRL** LEAVES...

THOSE GEMS
CAME FROM **LUTHOR**, THE OUTLAW!
HE'S IN PRISON, BUT THOSE DIA-
MONDS WERE HIS LEGAL
PROPERTY! HE ASKED ME TO
GIVE THEM TO LENA FOR HER
BIRTHDAY! CHOKE! TO THIS
DAY SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT
LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S MOST
EVIL SCIENTIST, IS HER
BROTHER!



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BUT AT THAT MOMENT, IN LENA'S HOUSE...

THERE'S THE DOOR-BELL! I'LL PUT THESE DIAMONDS ON THE MANTLE PIECE OF MY FIREPLACE WHILE I ANSWER IT!

OH-OH! ONE OF THE DIAMONDS DROPPED INTO THAT COAL SCUTTLE!



BUT BECAUSE OF LENA'S EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION POWER, DICK SUSPECTS LENA IS REALLY SUPERGIRL! AND NOW...

THAT INTERESTING SPECIMEN YOU SPOKE ABOUT! I KNOW WHAT IT IS NOW! IT'S A DIAMOND WHICH YOU FORMED OUT OF COAL BY SQUEEZING IT WITH YOUR SUPER-STRENGTH!

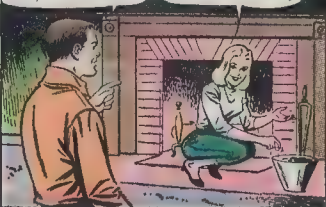
DICK! YOU'RE ALL WRONG! I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS PIECE OF CORAL I FOUND AT THE SEASHORE!



AS THE DOOR OPENS, DICK MALVERNE ENTERS...

HI, LENA! I CAME TO PICK UP THAT INTERESTING SPECIMEN YOU PROMISED ME FOR MY FATHER'S MINERAL COLLECTION!

OF COURSE, DICK! I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AS SOON AS I TAKE THIS DIAMOND OUT OF THE COAL SCUTTLE!



NO, LENA, THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO COVER UP! YOU CHANGED THAT COAL INTO A DIAMOND WITH A SUPER-SQUEEZE! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO TELL ME THE TRUTH! ADMIT IT! YOU, LENA THORUL, ARE SUPERGIRL!

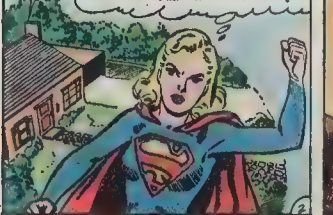
ALL RIGHT! THERE'S NO USE DENYING IT! I SUPPOSE I'D BETTER ADMIT I'M SUPERGIRL!



BUT THE REAL SUPERGIRL HAD BEEN DICK ENTER LENA'S HOME AND HAS BEEN LISTENING IN WITH HER SUPER-HEARING!

I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE! I ADMIT I'M SUPERGIRL!

THAT'S A DELIBERATE LIE! LENA KNOWS SHE'S NOT SUPERGIRL! BUT WHY SHOULD SHE TELL SUCH AN UNTRUTH? IS SHE TURNING INTO AN ARCH-CRIMINAL, LIKE HER BROTHER?



PRESENTLY, AS SUPERGIRL RESUMES HER SECRET IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, SHE CONFERS WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...

I'M SURE LENA WAS JOKING WHEN SHE SAID SHE WAS SUPERGIRL, MY DEAR! YOU MUSTN'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, MOTHER, BUT I CAN'T HELP WONDERING IF THERE WASN'T SOME OTHER REASON WHY LENA SAID THAT!

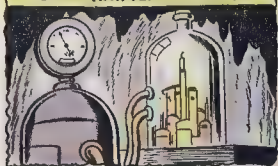




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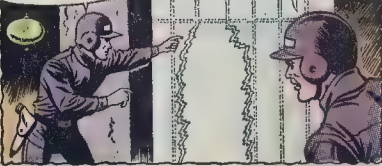
YES, **SUPERGIRL!** THERE IS A REASON FOR LENA'S STRANGE STATEMENT! BUT TO DISCOVER WHAT IT IS WE MUST VISIT **SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE** AND THE CITY OF **KANDOR**... WHICH WAS REDUCED IN SIZE AND SEALED IN A BOTTLE BY THE SPACE VILLAIN **BRAINIAC** BEFORE **KRYPTON** EXPLODED!



AND FLASH-BACK TO A SCENE INSIDE A KANDORIAN PRISON WHICH OCCURRED NOT LONG AGO...

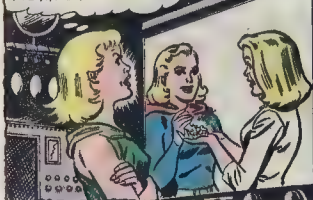
GREAT KRYPTON! LESLA-LAR, THE GIRL SCIENCE CRIMINAL, HAS ESCAPED BY SHORT-CIRCUITING THE ENERGY BARS OF HER CELL!

SHE'S **KANDOR'S** MOST DANGEROUS OUTLAW! BUT LUCKILY WE DESTROYED HER LABORATORY WHEN WE CAPTURED HER!



BUT, UNKNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES, LESLA-LAR HAD FLED TO HER SECRET LABORATORY!

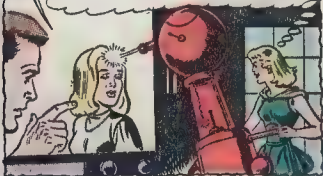
SUPERGIRL! THE ONE PERSON I HATE AND ENVY! BECAUSE I ONCE TRIED TO STEAL HER PLACE ON EARTH BY MEANS OF A TELEPORT RAY, I WAS SENTENCED TO PRISON! BUT NOW THAT I'VE ESCAPED, I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE!



THEN, WHEN DICK MALVERNE VISITED LENA, LESLA-LAR AIMED AN **EEBIE RAY** ON THE VIEWER SCREEN, AND...

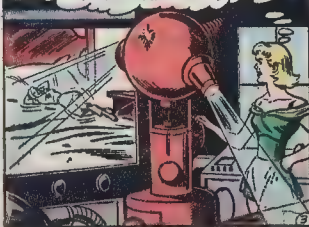
YES, DICK! I ADMIT I'M **SUPERGIRL!**

HA, HA! I'VE TAKEN OVER LENA THORUL'S MIND WITH THIS THOUGHT CONTROL MACHINE! I MADE HER SAY SHE WAS **SUPERGIRL!** I KNOW THAT THE REAL **SUPERGIRL** IS LISTENING IN, SO THIS SHOULD GIVE HER SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT!



NOW, LET US RETURN TO THE PRESENT, AS LESLA-LAR FOCUSES ANOTHER STRANGE DEVICE...

SHE'S SLEEPING! MY TELEPORT RAY IS CAUSING HER BODY TO SHRINK AND VANISH! IN ANOTHER SECOND, SHE'LL MATERIALIZE HERE IN **KANDOR!**



AFTER THE SLUMBERING LENA MATERIALIZES IN THE LABORATORY...

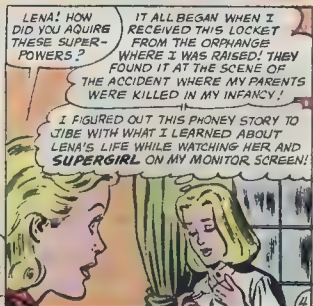
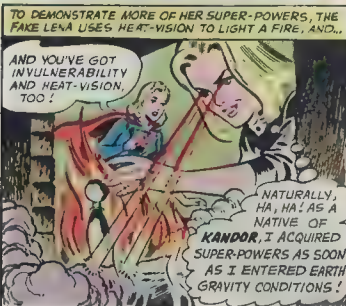
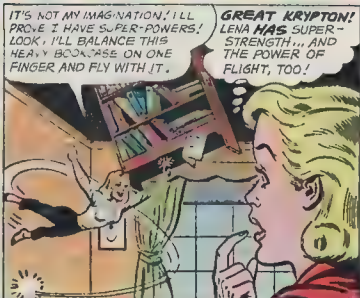
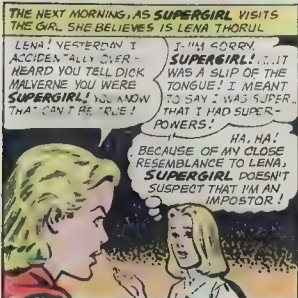
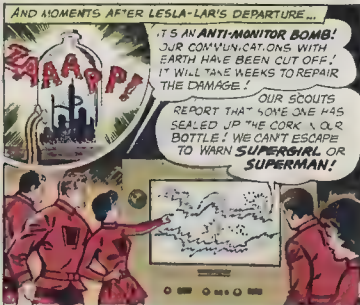
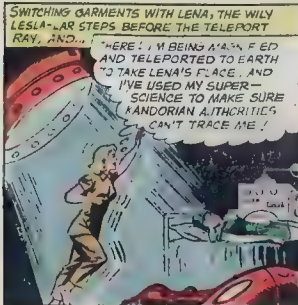
FORGET YOUR LENA THORUL IDENTITY! YOU ARE LESLA-LAR, A KANDORIAN GIRL SCIENTIST! YOU NEVER MET **SUPERGIRL!**...

MY BRAIN-WASHING HELMET WILL ERASE LENA'S MEMORIES AND REPLACE THEM WITH SELECTED DETAILS OF MY LIFE HERE ON **KANDOR!** WHEN SHE AWAKENS SHE'LL BELIEVE SHE'S ME!



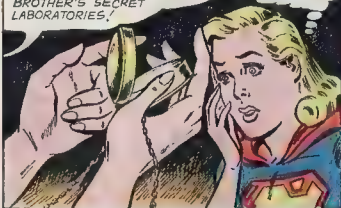


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WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY PRESSED A HIDDEN SPRING, THE LOCKET OPENED! INSIDE I FOUND A NOTE SAYING THAT I WAS THE SISTER OF **LEX LUTHOR**, THE CRIMINAL SCIENTIST! IT TOLD ME ABOUT ONE OF MY BROTHER'S SECRET LABORATORIES!

GULP! THEN SHE KNOWS THAT **EVIL LUTHOR** IS HER BROTHER!



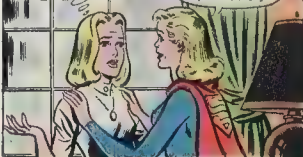
WHEN I VISITED THE HIDDEN LABORATORY I FOUND THE RECORD OF AN EXPERIMENT LEX HAD BEEN WORKING ON BEFORE HE WAS ARRESTED-- A SERUM WHICH COULD GIVE A PERSON SUPER-POWERS! I DRANK IT, AND IT **WORKED!**

AND NOW THAT YOU'RE SUPER-- I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GOING TO HELP YOUR BROTHER **LUTHOR** TO ESCAPE PRISON!



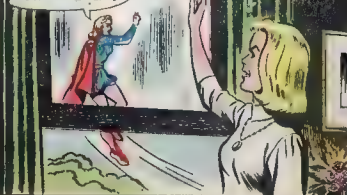
HELP **LUTHOR**? I COULDN'T DO THAT, EVEN THOUGH HE IS MY BROTHER! HE'S A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL! IT'S **YOU** I WANT TO HELP! I WANT TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO FIGHT CRIME AND EVIL!

LENA, I'M PROUD OF YOU! THAT'S A WORTHY AMBITION! BUT FIRST YOU MUST LEARN TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS PROPERLY! THAT WILL TAKE YEARS OF TRAINING!



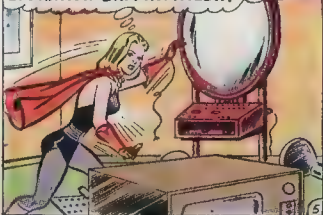
I'LL TALK IT OVER WITH **SUPERMAN!** HE'S AWAY IN THE PAST WITH HIS ROBOTS! RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT TO GO ON PATROL! REMEMBER! **DON'T** USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS UNTIL **SUPERMAN** COMES BACK!

HA, HA! THAT'S WHAT SHE THINKS! GOODBYE, **SUPergirl**! AND THANKS!



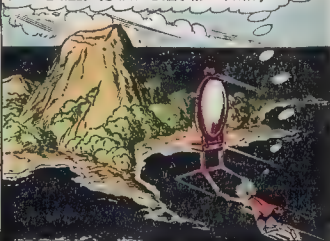
LATER, LESLA-LAR DONS A SUPER-UNIFORM WHICH SHE HAS ALREADY PREPARED, AND...

TO MY SUPER-SCIENTIFIC BRAIN THIS TELEVISION SET IS BUT A CHILD'S TOY! BUT I CAN USE THE PARTS TO PUT TOGETHER THE DEVICE I NEED TO CARRY OUT THE NEXT STEP IN MY CRIMINAL PLAN... **OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH!**



SOON, LESLA-LAR STREAKS ACROSS THE SEA TO A LONELY ISLAND WHERE...

WITH THIS **TRANS-DIMENSIONAL LENS** I CAN OPEN A DOOR INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE** AND GET THE CRIMINAL HELP I NEED TO TAKE OVER THE EARTH!





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SOON, LESLA-LAR CONTACTS THE PHANTOMS IN THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION...

PRISONERS OF THE PHANTOM ZONE! I AM LESLA-LAR, AN ESCAPED CRIMINAL-SCIENTIST FROM THE SHRUNKEN CITY OF KANDOR! I PLAN TO DESTROY SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL AND CONQUER EARTH! WILL ANY OF YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP ME?

TAKE ME, GENERAL ZOD!

I, JAX-UR, VOLUNTEER!

I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK, JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE!

I CAN'T TAKE ALL OF YOU! TELL ME OF YOUR EVIL DEEDS AND I'LL PICK THE MOST CUNNING AMONG YOU!

*EAGERLY, THE PRISONERS RECOUNT THEIR MONSTROUS CRIMES...

"I, GENERAL ZOD, DEvised A DUPLICATOR RAY AND CREATED AN ARMY OF DUPLICATES OF MYSELF TO SEIZE CONTROL OF KRYPTON!"

"IN A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT, I, JAX-UR, DESTROYED AN INHABITED MOON OF KRYPTON WITH A NUCLEAR ROCKET..."

"I, KRU-EL, DEVELOPED AN ARSENAL OF SUPER-POWERFUL, FORBIDDEN WEAPONS!"

FINALLY, LESLA-LAR CHOOSES HER RECRUITS...

ZOD! JAX-UR! KRU-EL! STEP THROUGH QUICKLY! MY MACHINE HAS ONLY ENOUGH POWER TO OPEN A GAP FOR A FEW SECONDS!

AT THE LAST MOMENT, ANOTHER PRISONER TRIES TO ESCAPE...

IT'S MON-EL, SUPERMAN'S FRIEND! IF HE GETS OUT, HE'LL WARN SUPERMAN AND SUPERGIRL OF YOUR PLANS!

I EXPECTED THIS! THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THIS GUN WHICH EJECTS LEAD DUST! MON-EL IS VULNERABLE TO LEAD JUST AS SUPERMAN IS TO KRYPTONITE!



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WEAK AND DIZZY, MON-EL REELS BACK INTO THE ZONE... WHAT IRONY! **SUPER-MAN** PUT ME IN THE ZONE WHEN HE WAS A BOY UNTIL HE COULD FIND A CURE FOR MY INVULNERABILITY TO LEAD! BUT THOUGH I'M THE ONE PRISONER WHO IS **NOT** A CRIMINAL, I'M TRAPPED HERE!

THAT LEAD DUST DROVE **MON-EL** BACK JUST BEFORE THE GAP CLOSED! THE TRANSDIMENSIONAL LENS IS USELESS NOW! ITS POWER IS EXHAUSTED!

AND NOW TO PLOT OUR CONQUEST! A PITY WE HAVEN'T THOSE WEAPONS YOU INVENTED, **KRU-EL**! THEY WERE PROBABLY DESTROYED WHEN **KRYPTON** BLEW UP!

YOU'RE WRONG! **JOR-EL** HAD THEM SEALED IN A BOX AND SHOT INTO SPACE! BUT LATER THEY FELL TO EARTH! **SUPERMAN** FOUND THEM AND HID THEM DEEP IN THE OCEAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY! I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!

IN THE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT, THE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS HAVE GAINED SUPER-POWERS! NOW, USING HIS SUPER-VISION, **KRU-EL** STREAKS UNDER THE SEA, AND... THERE IT IS NOW! THE ARSENAL OF **FORBIDDEN WEAPONS**!

SOON, ON THE ISLAND, AS **KRU-EL** UNPACKS THE ARSENAL... WE'LL NEED EVERY WEAPON WE CAN GET! **SUPERMAN** MAY RETURN FROM THE PAST AT ANY MOMENT! AND THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** MAY JOURNEY FROM THE FUTURE TO STOP US!

DON'T WORRY! THIS FORCE-BEAM WILL SOLVE THAT PROBLEM! ALL I DO IS PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND...

THIS RAY SETS UP A SUPER FORCE-FIELD AROUND THE EARTH! NOW **NOTHING** CAN PENETRATE THE TIME-BARRIER FROM THE PAST OR FUTURE!

THIS DISINTEGRATOR GUN I INVENTED CAN VAPORIZE ANYTHING INTO NOTHINGNESS, BUT IT LOOKS DAMAGED! WILL IT WORK ON SUPER-BEINGS LIKE **SUPERMAN** OR **SUPERGIRL**?

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! WE'LL DRAW STRAWS AND TEST THE GUN ON THE ONE WHO DRAWS THE SHORTEST STRAW! AFTER ALL, EACH OF US IS A SUPER-BEING NOW!



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BUT BY AN IRONY OF FATE, IT IS LESLA-LAR WHO LOSES THE DRAW...

BUT YOU CAN'T DISINTEGRATE ME! IT WAS I WHO FREED YOU FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE! IT WAS I WHO...

ENOUGH OF YOUR WHINING! YOU TOOK YOUR CHANCES WITH THE REST OF US! HOLD STILL WHILE I...

IT WORKED! LESLA-LAR WAS VAPORIZED! SHE DISINTEGRATED INTO AN ATOMIC MIST!

YES! BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE GUN SHORT-CIRCUITED! IT CAN NEVER BE USED AGAIN.

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BUT SO POWERFUL WAS THE RAY'S BEAM THAT IT HAS REACHED OUT AND VAPORIZED THE BASE OF A HUGE MOUNTAIN NEARBY!

LOOK! THAT MOUNTAIN! YOUR RAY WEAKENED IT! THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN IS TOPPLING!

UHP! IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!

MOMENTS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL SWOOPS ACROSS THE OCEAN ON PATROL, SHE RECEIVES A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE WHICH SHE CHECKS WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...

LORI LEMARIS CALLING! TOWERS OF THE CITY ARE ALREADY GREAT DANGER! AN EARTHQUAKE HAS SET VAST FORCES OF NATURE IN MOTION! THE CITY IS RISING FROM THE SEA!

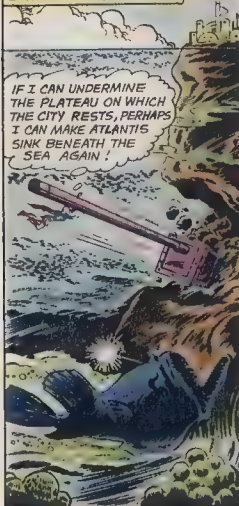
GOOD GRIEF! THE TOWERS OF THE CITY ARE ALREADY PROTECTING OVER THE SURFACE! SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!

SWOOPING OVER ATLANTIS, SUPERGIRL VIEWS THE DISASTER GRIMLY...

SUPERGIRL, HELP US! GASP! IF WE DON'T GET BACK IN THE WATER SOON, WE'LL SUFFOCATE HERE IN THE OPEN AIR!

GREAT KRYPTON! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST OR THERE'LL BE A MAJOR TRAGEDY!

PLUNGING BENEATH THE SEA, **SUPERGIRL** MAKES A GIANT SCOOP OUT OF THE STEEL OF SEVERAL SUNKEN SHIPS, AND ...

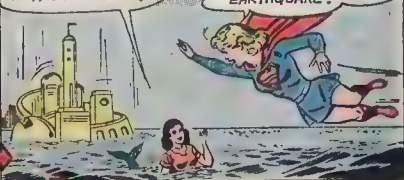


IF I CAN UNDERMINE THE PLATEAU ON WHICH THE CITY RESTS, PERHAPS I CAN MAKE ATLANTIS SINK BENEATH THE SEA AGAIN!

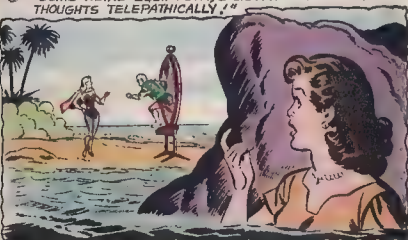
AS **SUPERGIRL'S** FEAT IS COMPLETED, MIGHTY ATLANTIS SINKS BENEATH THE SEA ONCE MORE...

SUPERGIRL, HOW CAN WE THANK YOU? YOU SAVED OUR CITY, OUR PEOPLE!

I WAS GLAD TO HELP, LORI, BUT I WONDER WHAT CAUSED THAT SUDDEN EARTHQUAKE!



I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER, **SUPERGIRL**! WHEN I SAW A STRANGE YOUNG WOMAN IN A SUPER-COSTUME FLY TO A NEARBY ISLAND AND BEGIN OPERATING SOME WEIRD EQUIPMENT, I LISTENED IN TO HER THOUGHTS TELEPATHICALLY!



SWIFTLY, LORI RECOUNTS THE DETAILS OF LESLA-LAR'S CRIMES...

... AND AFTER SHE RELEASED THE PHANTOM CRIMINALS, SHE WAS KILLED WHILE TESTING ONE OF THE FORBIDDEN SUPER-WEAPONS!

HOW TERRIBLE! **KRYPTON'S** WORST CRIMINALS ARE ON THE LOOSE... ARMED WITH THE MOST DANGEROUS SUPER-WEAPONS! THEY COULD DESTROY THE ENTIRE EARTH!

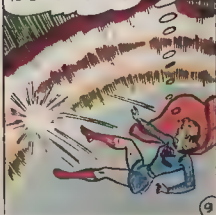


THANKS FOR ALERTING ME, LORI! I MUST CONTACT **SUPERMAN** AT ONCE! HE'S SOMEWHERE IN THE PAST; I'LL NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GIVE ME! WE MUST STOP THESE SUPER-CRIMINALS OR EARTH IS **DOOMED**!



FASTER AND FASTER SPEEDS THE **GIRL OF STEEL** AS SHE HURTLES TOWARD THE TIME-BARRIER! BUT AT THE LAST INSTANT...

I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE PRESENT! I CAN'T BREAK THROUGH INTO THE PAST! SOME IMMENSELY POWERFUL FORCE IS BLOCKING ME!



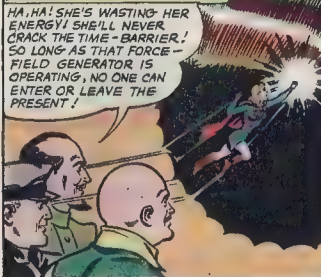


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FAR BELOW, THE THREE SUPER-VILLAINS WATCH **SUPERGIRL'S** PLIGHT WITH GLEE...

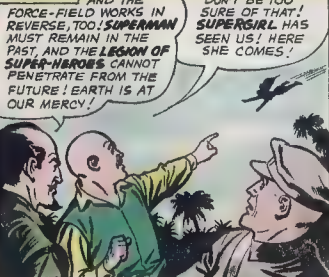
HA, HA! SHE'S WASTING HER ENERGY! SHE'LL NEVER CRACK THE TIME-BARRIER! SO LONG AS THAT FORCE-FIELD GENERATOR IS OPERATING, NO ONE CAN ENTER OR LEAVE THE PRESENT!



SECONDS LATER, **SUPERGIRL** SPOTS HER SUPER-ENEMIES!

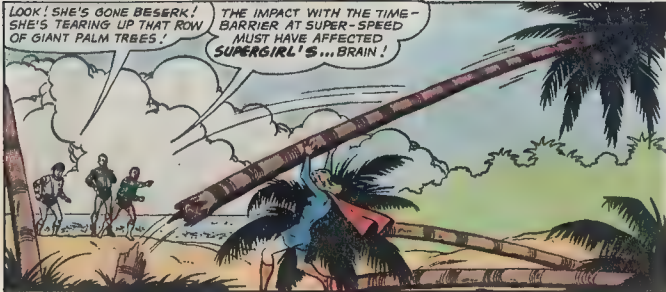
AND THE FORCE-FIELD WORKS IN REVERSE, TOO! **SUPERMAN** MUST REMAIN IN THE PAST, AND THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** CANNOT PENETRATE FROM THE FUTURE! EARTH IS AT OUR MERCY!

DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT! **SUPERGIRL** HAS SEEN US! HERE SHE COMES!



LOOK! SHE'S GONE BESERK! SHE'S TEARING UP THAT ROW OF GIANT PALM TREES!

THE IMPACT WITH THE TIME-BARRIER AT SUPER-SPEED MUST HAVE AFFECTED **SUPERGIRL'S**... BRAIN!



BUT WITH HER AMAZING SUPER-STRENGTH, THE **MAID OF STEEL** HURLS THE GIANT PALMS LIKE HUGE DARTS...

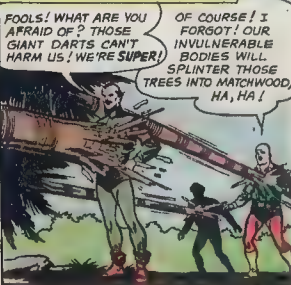
THOSE JAGGED TREES! THEY'LL SPEAR US!



BUT A STARTLING INSTANT LATER...

FOOLS! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? THOSE GIANT DARTS CAN'T HARM US! WE'RE **SUPER!**

OF COURSE! I FORGOT! OUR INVULNERABLE BODIES WILL SPLINTER THOSE TREES INTO MATCHWOOD, HA, HA!





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I KNOW THOSE KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS ARE SUPER! CHOKE!! BUT I JUST CAN'T STAND HERE AND DO NOTHING! I'LL THROW THIS BOULDER AT THEM!

THE FOOL--SHE'S STILL ATTACKING! WE'LL TEACH HER A LESSON! FOCUS YOUR HEAT-VISION ON THAT ROCK, MEN!



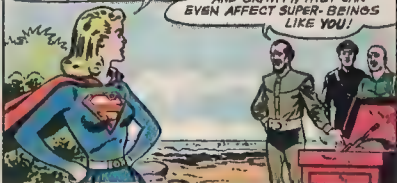
THE COMBINED POWER OF THE CRIMINALS' HEAT-VISION INTERCEPTS THE BOULDER IN MID-AIR AND MELTS IT INTO A TORRENT OF HOT LAVA...



BUT WHEN THE SUPER-DUEL IS OVER...

I KNOW YOUR PLANS FOR CONQUERING THE EARTH, BUT IT'S A STAND-OFF! NO MATTER WHAT EVIL DEEDS YOU TRY WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS, I'LL USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO BLOCK YOU!

YOU FORGET, **SUPergirl**, WE HAVE OUR ARSENAL OF **FORBIDDEN WEAPONS!** THEY'RE THE MIGHTIEST WEAPONS OF KRYPTON! IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND GRAVITY, THEY CAN EVEN AFFECT SUPER-BEINGS LIKE YOU!



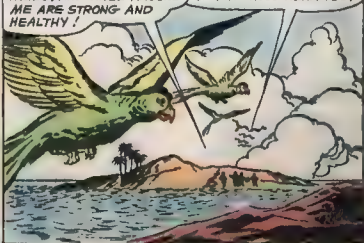
I'LL DEMONSTRATE! SEE THIS BELT I'M WEARING? I PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND THIS RAY INFECTS YOU WITH THE DREADED PLANT SCOURGE!

A PLANT SCOURGE!
GULP! THAT PROBABLY MEANS MY PRESENCE WILL DESTROY ANY PLANT I COME NEAR!



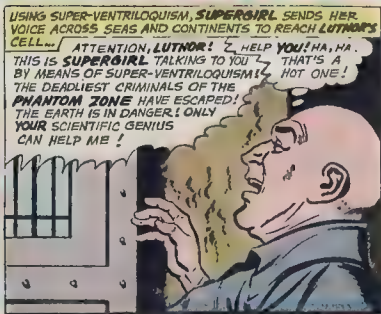
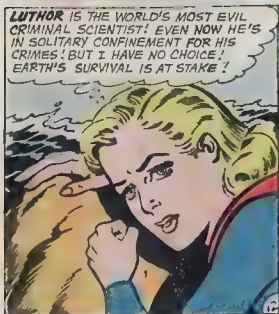
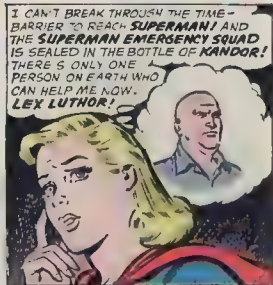
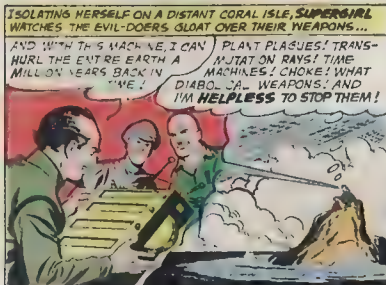
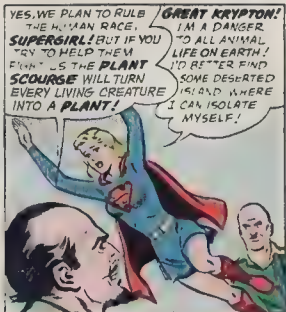
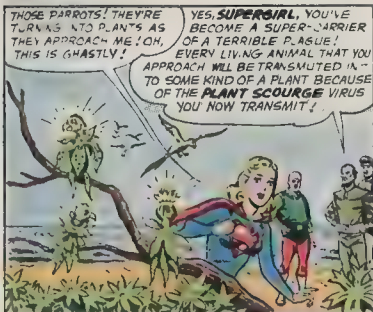
HA, HA! YOUR **PLANT SCOURGE** IS A FLOP! LOOK! ALL THE FLOWERS, TREES, AND VINES AROUND ME ARE STRONG AND HEALTHY!

AH, YES, BUT OBSERVE THAT FLOCK OF PARROTS WHICH IS ABOUT TO PERCH ON THAT TREE NEAR YOU!





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IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU AND **SUPERMAN** THAT I'M SERVING MY SENTENCE IN SOLITARY! I HOPE THOSE SUPER-CRIMINALS DESTROY YOU AND THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!

BETTER HEAR THE REST OF THE STORY, **LUTHOR!**

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AS PART OF THE ESCAPE PLAN, YOUR SISTER LENA WAS REDUCED TO TINY SIZE AND SEALED UP IN THE BOTTLE OF **KANDOR!** TO SAVE HER, YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME!

MY KID SISTER, LENA! SHRUNKEN! DOOMED TO LIVE IN THAT BOTTLED CITY! CHOKE!

AS **SUPERGIRL** WATCHES WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION, A GRIM CHANGE COMES OVER **LUTHOR**...

SUPERGIRL, I'M AGAINST TRUTH, JUSTICE AND EVERYTHING ELSE YOU STAND FOR--BUT TO SAVE LENA, I PROMISE TO USE MY LAST ATOM OF BRAIN-POWER TO HELP YOU AGAINST THOSE KRYPTONIAN GOONS!

AGREED, **LUTHOR!**

YES, IT'S INCREDIBLE BUT TRUE! AFTER YEARS OF CRIME AND EVIL, **LUTHOR** HAS BECOME AN ALLY OF **SUPERGIRL**! BUT IS **LUTHOR**'S CRIMINAL GENIUS A MATCH FOR THE SUPER-CUNNING OF **JAX-UR**, **GENERAL ZOD** AND **KRU-EL**? CAN HE HELP **SUPERGIRL** SAVE THE EARTH FROM CATASTROPHE? FOR THE SURPRISE ANSWER, READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF **ACTION COMICS**!

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WRONG, YOUNG MAN! LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. **ANY** PUNCTURE WOUND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF!

AS LONG AS THE THING THAT CAUSED THE WOUND TOUCHED DIRT, IT COULD CARRY DANGEROUS INVISIBLE GERMS, LIKE TETANUS—IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A **RUSTY** OBJECT! THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MYTHS ABOUT HEALTH THAT SHOULD BE EXPOSED!



* MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A GOOD WAY TO TREAT FROSTBITE IS TO RUB THE FROZEN PART WITH SNOW...



"**FALSE!** GRADUAL WARMING IS NEEDED—BUT RUBBING WITH SNOW OR ANYTHING ELSE WOULD ONLY DAMAGE **MORE** TISSUE!"

* OR THAT A PIECE OF RAW MEAT SHOULD BE USED TO TREAT A BLACK EYE..."



"**FALSE!** A COLD COMPRESS MAY MAKE IT FEEL BETTER AND CAN HELP REDUCE SWELLING AT FIRST, BUT A PIECE OF MEAT WON'T AFFECT SWELLING OR DISCOLORATION!"

"OR THAT CUTTING OR SHAVING A PERSON'S HAIR MORE OFTEN MAKES IT GROW FASTER..."



"**FALSE!** THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HAIR IS DETERMINED BY THE HAIR ROOTS OR FOLLICLES **BENEATH** THE SKIN, BY HEREDITY AND GENERAL HEALTH!"

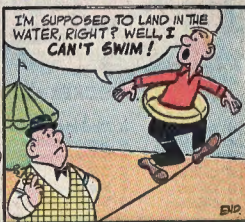
GOSH, DOC, I'LL BET I'M DOING THE WRONG THING TRYING TO CURE A COLD WITH A HARD WORK-OUT AND THEN A HOT BATH!

YES, DICK, REST IS USUALLY MORE USEFUL THAN EXERCISE TO HELP THE BODY FIGHT A COLD—EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER AFTER "SWEATING" IT OUT, IT **COULD** MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE!



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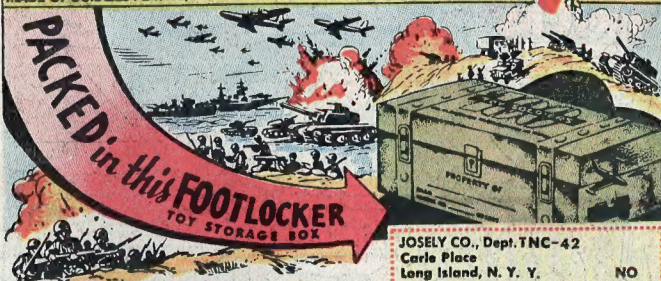
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